

FRH Parent Council – October 17, 2018

Attendance: Sandy Babiuk, Stacey Williams, Sivanthy Suntharalingam, Colleen Helwig, Brandi Mah, Jeff Hanrahan, Lonnie Hicks, Erin Clark, Rita Lal, guest – Don Irwin – Trustee.

1. Introductions
2. September Meeting Minutes – Savanthi Suntharalingam moved to accept amended minutes, Brandi Mah seconded
3. Trustee Report
Trustee Don Irwin presented and reviewed a handout “Board Highlights” with the committee:
Highlights
 - Ardrossan opening
 - Davidson Creek official opening
 - Read in week – reading key to so many positives
 - Board evaluation – process to evaluate the board to see how well they are doing
 - Trustees report – we will be in it next month
 - Board Retreat was held to discuss future plans, budget, setting a policy for electronics and distractions in the classroom.

Trustee Irwin talked about the role of the Trustee is to set the policy for the district. He has 6 schools in the district and he aims to get to one or two council meetings for each school each year.

4. By-Laws
Lonnie Hicks explained that in preparing the bi-laws, he compared bi-laws from a number of different schools and pulled together the proposed bi-laws based on this research. The council reviewed the proposed bi-laws and Sivanthy Suntharalingam moved to accept with identified edits, Sandi Babiuk seconded
5. Honour Roll – Jeff Hanrahan
Jeff requested an update on Honours Program. Lonnie asked for the associate superintendent who is behind that initiative. They are currently working on researching two models -either creating an honours program in Elk Island housed in one school – actual programming will be created. Other option is to have honours options. Benefits to both. Lonnie doesn't have an update. Status quo at FRH for the future unless Lonnie gets further direction. Trustee, Don Irwin offered to take it back and get an update on it. Discussion about inconsistencies in teacher assessment practices, and cuts. Item tabled to next meeting awaiting further update.
6. Issues and Ideas for discussion/presentation –
 - Administrative Procedures associated with intoxicants in schools. Lonnie shared the resource – Cannabis Talk Kit.
 - Lonnie shared that in May school resource officer comes in and does a presentation on local drug use, signs and symptoms – council requested for RCMP presentation for next meeting, Lonnie agreed to coordinate this.

- Bullying, prevention, school process and schoolboard process for dealing – aim to have this presentation at January meeting.

7. Principals Report

- a. School Education Plan – Handout – Focus on 3 school goals for the next three years. Goal 3 specifically applies to council and staff as well as students. Strategies and Performance Measures will change based on successes.

Discussion of the SEP included the following comments and questions:

- Approximately 50 students in need of emergency, urgent intervention.
 - Question: Does the school have the resources available without risking the learning of the other students. Made sure they have release time – teachers who have assigned non-instructional time so they can help students. Have a literacy lead expert in literacy interventions who has additional release time. Also have IT resource to support. Consultants at central office working with teachers to measure the effectiveness of these strategies. As they use these interventions they continue to use the STAR assessments to see how the resources are using.
 - Question: Is there parent engagement? Is that an issue in the level of literacy that the school is seeing? Suspect that most kids are reading on their phones. All LA teachers have a period of time for free reading. Many of the teachers have gone to allow students to independently choose their novels. Teaching is different for students to show how they meet the outcomes for their novel study.
- b. Hawk's View (Ideas for desired information) – please let Lonnie know if anyone has ideas or corrections.
 - c. November 23 – FRH will be at Sherwood Heights to have results review – for more info in Hawks View
 - d. Positive Referrals (letter) – all students participating, any teacher or staff can give a referral form to a student. Anytime they see someone doing something awesome, trying to recognize every single student. Who it is and what they did. Will be recognized by one of the administration. Secretaries are tracking it to add to a spreadsheet. Jan/Feb will put up on the board for who has and who hasn't and see what they can to reach out to these kids. Lottery ticket attached to positive referral. When Hawks TV does a broadcast, they will do a draw. Lottery is a prize basket. Need to sponsor or get stuff for the baskets. Swag or promo gear. – Handed out a letter for donations handed out to board members. This project was based on research on promoting the Growth Mindset of an Individual.
 - e. October 17, 2018 Cannabis Legalization <http://eggsonweed.ca/> - MADD Canada came in and did presentations for the Grade 9's on the effects of Cannabis on your system, slow down senses, give tunnel vision. Was paid for by a Health Canada Grant and was no cost to have the presentation come in.

Other Items and questions:

Number of injuries to teachers and administrators in the Edmonton Area – Is treatment of teachers by students becoming an issue? Lonnie Hicks responded that within the context of the school, sometimes teachers will have experiences by parents and students but not to the level of lost time. Trustee Don will get an update. Physical abuse or mental anguish.

Are school goals in the works – official and being implemented

What are student voice meetings (Goals 3) – when are they starting – Challenged by, Cherish, Curious – With Student Health Champion, hoping to start in October. Drop in, open to any student, offered monthly.

Transitioning kids through the school as feeder schools – Facey indicated that there was a lot of work done since September. Would like to have more information on this going forward. High level plan, what can we do as a parent council to understand what the transition plan looks like over the next few years.

8. Next Meeting Date -Nov 21 at 6 pm in the Library.

Motion to close meeting Jeff Hanrahan, seconded Sivanthy Suntharalingam